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S.N. : 09/545,536 : Art Unit 3762
Filed : April 7, 2000 : Examiner Mark Bockelman
For : CARDIAC RHYTHM MANAGEMENT
SYSTEM WITH OPTIMIZATION OF
CARDIAC PERFORMANCE USING HEART RATE

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith in the above-entitled patent application, please find an Amendment in response to the Official Action of January 11, 2006, together with a Petition for Extension of Time of one month.

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